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Dr. Joshua Lederberg Professor The Rockefeller University 1230 York Avenue New York, NY 10021-6399

Dear Dr. Lederberg:

The National Institute of Justice (NIJ) is pleased to honor you with its *Profiles in DNA Courage Award*, in recognition of your contributions to the field of forensic DNA identity testing, at its 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on the Future of DNA to be held in New York, NY, on May 8-9, 2000.

The awards ceremony is scheduled for 12:15 p.m. -1:45 p.m. on the afternoon of May 8, 2000, following a luncheon speech by the Police Commissioner of New York, Howard Safir. At that time you and the other honorees will be presented with the awards. It is not required that you prepare comments for the ceremony but you are certainly welcome to make a short statement during your acceptance of the award if you would like. We hope you will be able to attend the conference in its entirety. Enclosed is a preliminary agenda to help you plan your time. Our contractor, the Institute for Law and Justice, will be contacting you regarding your travel and lodging arrangements.

Should you have any further questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Dr. Lisa Forman at 202-307-6608 or Ms. Anjali Swienton at 202-305-9076.

We look forward to seeing you in New York.

Sincerely,

David G. Boyd, Ph.D

Director

Office of Science and Technology

**Enclosures**